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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 5/28/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Scott Privat
Office: District Judge, 15th Judicial District Court, ES 4, Div. A
Parish: ACADIA
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: District

330 Privat Road
Crowley, LA 70526

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G
Original Due Date: 11/25/2020
Date Filed: 11/30/2020
Activity Receipts: \$8,750.00
Expenditures: \$19,652.39
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$14,166.40

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$300
Days Late: 5
Late Fee Order Received: 2/27/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/19/2021
Waiver Request Received: 3/3/2021
Additional Information Requested:
- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Treasurer Trenton Leonards mailed in waiver request and states that he mistakenly added the 10-G deadline to his filing calendar as 11/30/20 instead of the actual filing date of 11/25/20. He states this is his first time performing treasurer and filing duties on behalf of a candidate and had all intentions of timely filing all reports. He requests the fine be suspended.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

State of Louisiana
Department of State Civil Service
ATTN: Louisiana Board of Ethics
P O Box 438
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: (Friends of Scott Privat) Late fee assessment for November 3, 2020, Election 10G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 5 days late

Gentlemen:

I send this letter requesting a fee waiver on behalf of Friends of Scott Privat with my sincerest apology. I mistakenly added the 10-G deadline to my filing calendar as of November 30 instead of the actual filing date of November 25. This is my first-time performing treasurer and filing duties on behalf of a candidate, and I had all intentions of timely filing all reports. If you review the filing history of the committee/candidate, I believe you will find all other reports were timely filed. I humbly request the late fee of \$300.00 be suspended. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, in kindest regards,



Trenton P Leonards
Friends of Scott Privat – Treasurer
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STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Scott Privat
November 3, 2020 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Scott Privat, in his capacity as a candidate for District Judge, 15th Judicial District Court, ES 4, Div. A in the November 3, 2020 election, his committee's chairperson, Parker Mitchell and treasurer, Trenton P Leonards were required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

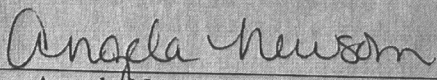
WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(5), Scott Privat was required to file a 10th Day Prior to General Report (10-G) by November 25, 2020. Scott Privat filed the report on November 30, 2020 and was 5 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(ii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$60 per day (not to exceed \$2,000) be assessed against Scott Privat, his committee's chairperson, Parker Mitchell and treasurer, Trenton P Leonards for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$300 is assessed against Scott Privat, his committee's chairperson, Parker Mitchell and treasurer, Trenton P Leonards for failure to timely file a 10-G campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 25th day of February 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 25, 2021

Scott Privat
330 Privat Rd.
Crowley, LA 70526

RE: Late fee assessment for November 3, 2020 Election
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 5 days late

Dear Scott Privat:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of **\$300** payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

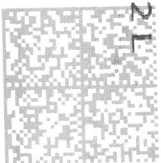
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